

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method for operating a network for the interconnection of computers having a server and a client, comprising the steps of:

storing at least one datafile on said server that is executable in said server and in said client;

calling said datafile by said client by sending a corresponding datafile address to said server;

transmitting said datafile by said server to said client in response to said calling said datafile by said client;

using said transmitted executable datafile, inquiring by said client to said server, which is a queried server, for a specific service offered by said server, said client using specific parameters of said service;

determining by said queried server whether it can perform said inquired service;

if said server can perform said service, said service server performs said service by said server; and

if said server cannot perform said service, using said transmitted executable datafile, either said server or said client switches said client to a further server or device connected to said network that is capable of executing said service using said transmitted datafile for the switching.

17. (currently amended) The method for the operation of a network according to claim 16, wherein said service offered by said server is executing a print order, and said method further comprising:

forwarding, by said server, said print order to another server or directly to a printer device when said server itself cannot execute said print order.

18. (currently amended) The method for the operation of a network according to claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

storing information about said services service offered by said server in a databank of said server; and

examining said databank to determine if a service is present for an inquiry by said client.

19. (currently amended) The method for the operation of a network according to claim 16, further comprising:

generating an address of a further server or device for said server switching said client to said further server or device; and

communicating said address to said client inquiring said server.

20. (previously presented) The method for the operation of a network according to claim 16, further comprising:

installing an interpreter at said server;

interpreting, by said interpreter, language elements executable at said server contained in said datafile;

executing, by said interpreter, said language elements executable at said server; and

executing, by said client, language elements executable at said client contained in said datafile.